The immediate reduction of pollution load (leading eventually to total prevention) on the river and the establishment of self-sustaining treatment plant systems are the two objectives of the Action Plan in the first phase. Accordingly, the following have been identified as the components of the Action Plan:

1. Renovation (cleaning|desilting|repairing) of existing trunk sewers and outfalls.
2. Constructing of interceptors to divert flow of sewage and other wastes into Ganga.
3. Renovation of existing sewage pumping stations and sewage treatment and installation of new ones.
4. Bringing human and animal wastes from locations proximate to the sewage|sullage digesters for sanitary disposal, production of energy and manure.
5. Providing sullage or sewage pumping stations.
6. Alternative arrangements to prevent discharge of animal and human wastes from cattle sheds.
7. Low cost sanitation schemes.
8. Biological conservation measures.
9. Pilot projects to establish cost effective system for diversion of wastes.
10. Pilot projects to establish feasibility of technology applications in the treatment of wastes and resources/ energy recovery.

The project essentially aims to prevent pollution of the Ganga by the municipal wastes from 27 class I cities situated on its banks.

Crossing of borders by people of Jammu and Kashmir

2731. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people from Jammu and Kashmir holding Indian passports and valid visas are required to cross the border from Amritsar side;

(b) whether Government propose to allow such people to cross borders from Suchetgarh and Jammu side; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no such proposal.

(c) Does not arise.

Survey of living and non-living resources of the Indian Ocean

2732. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has intensively surveyed the living and non-living resources of the Indian Ocean; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Exploratory survey of living resources has been going on in the Exclusive Economic Zone of India both for demersal and pelagic fisheries. For the Non-Living resources, the surveys include the identification of various types of minerals. Mapping of minerals in the entire western continental shelf and one-third of the eastern continental shelf of India has been completed, resulting in an understanding of placer deposits of ilmenite, rutile, zircon, phosphorite and monazite with varying proportions of magnetite and garnet.

As regards survey of the Central Indian Ocean, India has made considerable progress. Our country has been recognised as a Pioneer Investor and after detailed surveys in the Central Indian Ocean covering

more than 3 million sq. km. area, two mine sites, each of an area of 15, 000 sq. km., have been identified. India has already filed an application with the Preparatory Commission of the International Seabed Authority for the registration of a pioneer area in the Indian Ocean.

Air travel facilities to the Hajis from Jammu and Kashmir

2733. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hajis from Jammu and Kashmir have to change flights from Delhi or Bombay for Jeddah; and

(b) whether Government propose to arrange direct flights for the Hajis from Kashmir to Jeddah?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to capacity constraints of Air India, there are no plans at present to arrange direct flights for Hajis between Kashmir and Jeddah.

Indians in Pak jails

2734. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the number of Indian citizens who are in Pakistan jails at present and the number amongst them belonging to the Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): There are around 700 Indian detenues in Pakistani jails, Out of them, about 81 detenues are from Jammu and Kashmir.

Liberalised policy for import

2735. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items which appeared in the "Times of India" dated 5th August, 1985 regarding scientists' expressions over the likely adverse impact of the liberalised import policy of goods and technology on indigenous industry and capital equipments and Research and Development Institutions like the CSIR; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Import of technology and equipment continue to be selective taking note of the capabilities for new advances by our Institutions within a time frame and noting the imperatives for rapid improvements in quality and costs of end products with a view to ensuring that benefits flow to all people. Wherever comparable indigenous technology is available imports have not been allowed. Utilisation of indigenously developed technology is steadily improving and units based on indigenous technology are continuing to operate successfully.

Science and Technology Institutions in the country have a very important role to play in assisting in improvements and in producing new technologies appropriate to the present and future needs. Planning of research is being strengthened by close involvement of Government departments and users in Industry.

Circulation of book justifying assassination of Mahatma Gandhi

2736. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai has circulated through its library a book which justifies the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi and supports the cult of violence; and